

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following comments are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 14, 16, and 17 are pending in the application. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 17 stand rejected.

By the present amendment, the subject matter of objected to claim 9 has been placed into claim 1. Further, objected to claims 3, 5, 8, and 13 have been placed into independent form; the subject matter of objected to claim 11 has been placed into claim 10; and claims 9, 11, 14, 16, and 17 have been cancelled.

It is submitted that in view of these amendments, the rejections contained in the office action of June 6, 2005 are now moot since all independent claims contain subject matter which has been indicated as being allowable.

The instant application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe an additional amendment is needed to place the case in condition for allowance, he is hereby invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the additional independent claim fee of \$600.00 to Deposit Account No. 21-0279. Should the Director determine that an additional fee is due, he is hereby authorized to charge said fee to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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